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BALTIMORE HEROIN DRUG RING MEMBERS INDICTED

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted Harvey Brewer, age 31; Troy Crawley, a/k/a Blue Black, age 33; Chaka Brewer, age 28; Gerald Greenfield, age 63; Kenneth Johnson, age 41; Timothy Kendall, age 44; and Antoine Fitch, a/k/a Twiz, age 22, all from Baltimore City, for crimes committed in connection with a conspiracy to distribute heroin in Baltimore City.

In addition to being charged with conspiracy, Brewer, Kendall and Greenfield were charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin. Brewer was also charged with possessing a loaded .45 caliber handgun in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Crawley was also charged with two counts of distribution of heroin, in addition to the conspiracy charge.

The charges were the culmination of a 9 month investigation by the Baltimore DEA into a heroin ring operating in Baltimore City. As part of the investigation, the DEA intercepted phone calls between members of the ring and executed search and seizure warrants which resulted in the

recovery of nearly 1 kilogram of heroin, worth in excess of \$60,000.

Each defendant faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for the drug conspiracy charge with a minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years and a \$8,000,000 fine. The drug distribution and possession with intent to distribute charges carry maximum penalties of 40 years and a \$4,000,000 fine. Brewer faces a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for the firearms charge with a minimum mandatory penalty of 5 years consecutive to any penalty imposed on the drug offenses.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The case was investigated by the Baltimore Drug Enforcement Agency and the Baltimore City Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jennifer C. Smith and Christopher J. Romano.

